

## Chariton Courier.

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### KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI.

OVER 20,000 miners struck, in Ohio, May 1st. They demand an advance of 5 per cent. in their wages.

THE new arrangement between master and brick-layers went into effect May 2nd. They now receive 50 cts an hour and eight hours constitute a day's work.

BLACK river is booming and in the vicinity of Poplar Bluff the high waters have done a great deal of damage, especially in the country. Farms are under water and farmers do their feeding in boats.

THE funeral of Capt. Gilbert C. Wiltee, of the navy, took place in Washington, D. C., on last Monday, May 1st. Capt. Wiltee is the officer that raised the United States flag over Honolulu during the late unpleasantness there.

MISS A. E. TAYLOR, who conducts a loan office in Kansas City, was fined \$75 in the United States court, in that city, Tuesday for violating the pension law. She had loaned money to old veterans at a high rate of interest, and had taken their papers as security.

MRS. ELIZABETH HARPER, wife of Jefferson Harper, a respectable farmer living near Greenville, Ill., became demented on last Monday and cut her 16-year-old daughter's throat with a razor, and then cut her own throat in a similar way. Death was instantaneous in both cases.

AT Searcy, Ark., five men were drowned on last Tuesday while attempting to cross the Little Red river. The stream was very much swollen, caused by the late heavy rains. When the men got into the middle of the river their boat became unmanageable, and they were taken down with the raging torrent.

THE Missouri world's fair building was dedicated on last Monday, May 1st. The handsome structure was formally turned over to the governor of the state by Hon. Nathan Frank, chairman of the building and site commission, in an appropriate and happy impromptu speech. Gov. Stone responded with a few well-chosen remarks.

THE cyclone that swept down upon Cisco, Texas, on last Friday night never had a parallel in that state. The city was almost completely demolished and swept away. Out of 45 business houses only five were left. Fifty residences were torn all to pieces, not even a vestige of some of them being left. The offices, depot and buildings of the Texas Central and Texas Pacific railroads were all destroyed. All the churches, schools and larger buildings were demolished and cars blown from the track. There were 26 persons killed outright, and more than a hundred wounded and maimed. The storm lasted two minutes, and was eight miles wide. The loss to property is estimated at \$200,000.

THE hail storm that passed over St. Charles on the night of the 28th of April was terrific and very destructive. Great damage was done to stock, gardens and fruit and windows were knocked out by the thousands. Hail stones fell that weighed six and eight ounces and were as large as base balls. The loss to the St. Charles car works alone will amount to several thousand dollars. A woman was driving along the street with five children, when her horse became unmanageable and ran away, throwing the lady out and killing her instantly. The children were not hurt.

A SPECIAL dispatch from Jefferson City to the Kansas City Times of May 1st says: John P. Sebree, warrant clerk in the office of State Auditor Seibert, has resigned, the resignation to take effect June 1. He will be succeeded by John A. Lee, of Chariton county, who has been in the office of Secretary of State Lesueur for several months. Mr. Sebree retires from the office after a continuous service of fourteen years at one desk, to engage in the life insurance business in St. Louis. He was secretary of the Democratic state central committee for several years and has been prominent in politics since boyhood. The place he vacates is worth \$1,500 per annum.

WE are pleased to see that Mr. Perry S. Rader, editor of the old reliable *Brunswick*, takes kindly to the *Courier's* suggestion that he be sent to the legislature next term. One obstacle, however, has arisen and that is, Mr. Rader says, unless the *Brunswick* subscribers pay up better than they have been doing lately that he would have to walk to Jefferson City, if he got there at all. We are prone to believe that such a calamity as Mr. Rader's being compelled to walk to the state capital, in case of his election to the legislature, will occur. The editor of the *Brunswick*, we insist, is the man Chariton county ought to send to the legislature, and all he has got to do is to run, although he may walk if he wants to after he is elected. All successful candidates must run, and after they are elected they can take their choice as to whether they walk or ride, stand up or sit down. If elected representative we will see that Brother Rader gets to the seat of law-making, even if we have to take up a collection for that purpose. Statesmanship must not be kept under a bushel for the sake of a few paltry dollars.

THE esteemed *Brunswick* devoted nearly a column of its valuable space last week to the school textbook question, but we are unable, strange as it may seem, to extract but little from the able editorial except what we already knew. The point we desired to make, and which Brother Rader evidently failed to see, was the injustice the *Brunswick* did State Superintendent of Public Schools Wolfe in censuring him entirely for saddling the school book-law on the state, when Mr. U. S. Hall was claiming all the credit for the measure when he was making his canvass for congress last year. We admit that the school textbook law is not what it ought to be, but it is not fair for the *Brunswick* to lay the blame wholly on Prof. Wolfe, especially since Mr. Hall, in his public speeches, has repeatedly claimed all the credit for Missouri's present school book law. Toat fair, Brother Rader, even it takes the hide off you can better afford to lose a section or two of your epidermis than to appear inconsistent or unfair in your treatment of your fellowmen.

A LIVELY spat was indulged in last Tuesday when the board of lady managers assembled in the woman's building at the world's fair for their regular meeting. Some of them are very angry with the ceremonies committee and Mrs. Mary Logan, as well as the president of the board, for assuming to run the woman's department to the exclusion of other ladies interested. The turmoil seems to have been caused over the fact that only a favored few of the ladies met the Duchesse de Veragua, and got to see just how her new spring hat was trimmed.

LAST Saturday night Deputy United States Marshal John Ross attempted to arrest Wm. Bings and John Davis on an M. K. & T. train, in the Indian Territory, near Fort Smith, for selling whiskey. Bings jumped from the train and was killed. Davis was arrested, and the marshal got off with him, at Illinois station, and while waiting for a writ for him some of Davis' friends appeared on the scene and rescued him, the marshal being fatally wounded in the encounter which took place.

ON last Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock an M. K. & T. express train was robbed, at Pryor Creek, I. T., by the Parker gang. Just who comprised it is not known, but it numbered about six men. They first attempted to get in the express safe but were foiled in that, and to get even, robbed many passengers on board the train securing about \$500.

THE high waters in the Mississippi and tributaries, during the past ten days, have caused no little suffering and loss of life, especially in Arkansas, where more than a score of persons have been drowned while trying to save their property. Many rivers in the East are also on a rampage, but no material damage has been reported as yet.

THE world's fair was opened on last Monday, May 1st, and President Cleveland by simply pressing a button started the mighty machinery and the rushing waters and revolving wheels in the great Columbian exposition. The multitude of visitors was estimated by some as high as 300,000, although the day was one of fitful sunshine.

### Missouri River Commission.

THE Missouri river commission will have an important meeting between the 18th and 25th of May. The commission has entire charge of all the improvements of the Missouri river from the source to the mouth. At present most of the work is being done between Jefferson City and the mouth of the Osage. A large part of the work already done is seriously threatened by the high water, but the engineers in charge hope to prevent anything disastrous. The commission is composed of Col. Chas. Sutter, president; Maj. Alex. McKenzie and Col. O. H. Ernest, representing the army department, and J. C. Broadhead, of Columbia, Mo., and R. S. Berlin, of Omaha, representing the civil side of the government. At its coming meeting the commission will consider a number of important questions in connection with the improvement of the Missouri.

SOME two or three spider-legged, bandy-shanked gamblers without any visible means of support continue to haunt the streets of Keytesville. If they could only see themselves as others see them, they would certainly go to work, or get off the earth. They are a first-class "worse than a nuisance" and oughtn't to be tolerated in any decent community.

IN the Carnegie steel works, at Homestead, Pa., on last Tuesday, fifty skilled workmen threw aside their tools and walked out. They were not satisfied with the reduction of wages which was to go into effect that day.

THE highest water in twelve years was recorded at St. Paul last Tuesday.

EDWIN BOOTH, the great tragedian, is dying from paralysis.

THE Shannondale correspondent to the *Signal* last week crawled out of the sewer long enough to request us "to get our feet out of the sand." For the enlightenment of the Shannondale scribe we will say that we are not standing on sandy ground—our house is founded on a rock. If there is any sand about us it is in our craw and not under our feet.

OUR estimable friend, Geo. W. Vaughan, who is an editorial writer on the *Glasgow Missouriian*, has been endorsed by Congressman John T. Heard to be Glasgow's next Democratic postmaster. Mr. Vaughan is in every way worthy of the official plum he has captured, and we think Mr. Heard has made a wise selection.

THE late session of the Missouri legislature cost the tax-payers \$145,447.48. If the wishes of the people of the state, generally, were not considered any more than they were in Chariton county, then the Thirty-seventh general assembly cost just \$145,447.48 too much, and the members of that august body should be called upon to disgorge.

THE city election, at Chillicothe, Mo., on last Monday, was one of the most hotly contested ever held in that city, and resulted in a sweeping victory for the Democrats.

### Echo Etchings.

Plenty of rain.

Our farmers are through planting corn (for the present.)

Dr. J. D. Gaines is "one of us" again, that is, he is "keeping back."

O. P. Ray, of Westville, made us a very pleasant call last Wednesday.

John Brewer lost a very fine cow by drowning during the recent rainy spell.

Dr. J. D. Gaines was called in Sunday to see Mrs. F. F. Brewer, who is quite sick.

If any need rain they should send in their orders at once, before the supply is exhausted.

Our old neighbor, J. H. Stanturf, of Moberly, was in this vicinity the first of the week.

We do not see why any one should, after the experience of the two weeks past, go elsewhere to seek change of climate.

Quarterly meeting services of the M. E. Church, South, will commence at Pleasant Grove church, Saturday, May 6th, at 11 a. m.

There was a spelling at the Old-ham school-house last Friday night, given by Wm. Prather. A good time is reported.

Go to J. T. Swain & Son for choice fresh meats.

Judge Jas. A. Redding tendered his resignation to the county court as judge for the western district Wednesday on account of continued ill health. His successor will be appointed by Gov. Stone. We are sorry to hear that Judge Redding's condition is but little, if any, improved.

Dorsey Beeler, an energetic young farmer of Missouri township, is a new reader of the *Courier*.

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Are assured those who call and look at our immense stock of Dry Goods and Notions, which is now complete and includes

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All the Extreme "Fads,"  
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## Keytesville Mercantile Company.

### New Hotel.

I wish to announce to the public that I have opened my new hotel, near the court-house, which my good wife has christened the "Willet House," and that we are now ready to receive guests. Every thing neat and new, and tables furnished with the best the market affords. A portion of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.

B. G. WILLET,  
Keytesville, Mo.

Our young friend, Herbert Gilliam, of this place, has been promoted on the Santa Fe, and is now holding down the operator's desk in the day office, at Carrollton. Herbert is a good operator and a deserving young man.

China silks in all colors and white and black at Mrs. C. P. VANDIVER'S.

May Curl, a race mare formerly owned by Gen. E. W. Price, won a five-eighths of a mile dash, at East St. Louis, Monday.

Ladies, call and see Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's superb line of millinery.

Note the change in Chapman Bros.' ad. this week, and when you need a pair of shoes call at their establishment.

Baby caps at Mrs. C. P. VANDIVER'S.

Lessley Bros.' Jean Lessley ran second in a hotly contested race, at East St. Louis, the first of this week.

Something new—gauntlet silk mits at Mrs. C. P. VANDIVER'S.

We enroll eight new subscribers this week, which does very well considering the rainy weather.

The latest out is the Columbian face veiling at

MRS. C. P. VANDIVER'S.

A handsome line of kid gloves and corsets at Mrs. C. P. VANDIVER'S.

D. B. Kellogg, jr., was a Moberly visitor Tuesday.

Buy lumber and hardware at Holcomb's.

Probate court next Monday.

### ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Wm. R. Williams, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the probate court of the county of Chariton, state of Missouri, at Keytesville on the twenty-sixth (26th) day of April, 1893. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of this publication they will be forever barred.

B. F. MOORE,  
Administrator.

## 'Squire Wheeler Was Re-Elected!

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J. T. SWAIN & SON,  
Keytesville, Missouri.

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Children's Oxfords  
Men's Russian  
Leather Bluchers,

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